

The Daily Examiner

MARCH 5, 1885.

The Soudan.

THE position of the British in the Soudan is much better than it was a week or two ago. This is due, not so much to the skill of the British Generals, as to the strange inactivity of the Mahdi's forces.

The Capes Route.

CAPTAIN PHILIPS IRVING writes regarding the kind of steamers required on the Capes route during winter:—

"I would recommend either steam launches or tugs, and as the crews will have to live on board them for the winter, they will have to be comfortably fitted up. To give that, I should say they would not answer if less than from 80 to 200 feet in length.

The opinions of Capt. Philips Irving are those of one who has acquired experience by long service on the Capes route; and they are, therefore, the more worthy of attention.

Cape Traverse Meeting.

WE regret very much that there is not space enough in THE EXAMINER for the Secretary's report of this important meeting. It was addressed by J. W. Hughes, Esq., of County Line, Hon. William Campbell, G. W. Bentley, Esq., M. P., and others; and resolutions were unanimously passed: (1) urging the Government to purchase, equip and run the Tormentine Railway; (2) protesting against further delay; (3) advising that steps be taken for the protection and improvement of the wharf at Cape Traverse; (4) requesting the construction of a suitable breakwater; (5) asking that the Dominion dredge be sent to Cape Traverse early in the spring to clear away the sand bar near the end of the wharf; (6) expressing confidence in the Capes boatmen, and demanding an investigation into the charges which have been made against them as to their conduct when on the ice all night.

Dr. Jenkins' Letter.

WE re-publish in another column Dr. Jenkins' reply to the Toronto Mail's ridiculous account of expenditure by the Dominion Government in this Province. The letter was sent to the Mail, and neither published nor acknowledged. Afterwards it was sent to the Montreal Gazette in which it appeared.

The Mail's treatment of the Island and its representatives has been a little peculiar—much more like that of a Grit organ than a Liberal-Conservative journal. It is somewhat surprising to see the advocate of a National Policy trying to raise sectional jealousies and suspicions about money matters when called upon to discuss a national question, such as the agreement of Canada to establish continuous communication between this Province and the Mainland. We are not of those who grumble here that the Island pays into the Dominion Treasury twice as much money as she gets out of it; and we think it makes no difference as to the obligation of the Dominion to fulfil the terms of Union with us whether or not the Dominion has expended in this province twice as much as its Government has received from this province. Whatever the Dominion expenditure here amounts to, it has been for the good of Canada. But quite independently of that consideration, the government of Canada is bound to give us the facilities for which we covenanted when we entered the Union. We are pleased to know that the government is at last alive to this fact.

Dr. Jenkins' letter is very clear, and in common justice should, we think, have found a prominent place in the columns of the Mail.

Declined, with Thanks.

WE are thankful for lessons in Press-craft, especially when they are given with an intention which is evidently benevolent and kind. But we cannot accept the Herald's friendly and well-meant suggestion that it is expedient and right to garble or change our telegraphic despatches. As a rule we never do so; and we never suppress a telegram unless we have good reason to suppose that it is false. With respect to the telegram concerning the Mayor's election in Montreal, to which our kindly contemporary refers, we had no such

reason. Mr. Beaupre is, we believe, a Liberal, and Mr. Beaudry is a Conservative, and the majority for the former was about 400. All this is true; and this is all the telegram expressed—all that it implied to intelligent persons such as those who read THE EXAMINER. Every intelligent person knows that Civic Elections in Canada are not, as a rule, run on political lines; and therefore the election of a Grit in Montreal has for them no more significance of a political character than the election of a Grit in Charlottetown. It merely proves that the particular candidate is a more popular man, and has espoused a more popular cause than his opponent—only that and nothing more. But, suppose we had garbled the despatch, what then? The Patriot, and perhaps the Herald (nothing loath) would have been prompt to direct attention to the fact. People would naturally argue that a journal which would garble in one case would garble in another. THE EXAMINER's news would then be regarded with suspicion and distrust—THE EXAMINER's character for reliability would be destroyed. So that, independently of the moral principle involved, and the narrow minded, short-sighted partisanship we should have displayed, we should have done a very weak and foolish act had we changed the telegram to suit the tastes of the Herald and those of its ilk.

Ottawa Notes.

THE CAPES ROUTE.

The Capes route, your readers will be glad to learn, is to be placed in the hands of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. An officer from that department will once visit your Province to make the necessary preparatory arrangements. It is thought the efforts of the Island members supporting the Government will result in some radical changes for the better, in connection with your winter mail service generally. They are insisting upon getting a powerful tug-boat to run at the Capes in connection with the ice-boats. This, together with the thorough reorganization of the Capes service, will prove, no doubt, a decided improvement on the old order of things there.

TEMPERANCE.

Prof. Foster, on the evening of the 26th, gave an eloquent speech on the subject of compensation to brewers—in the event of Prohibition. The House voted by thirty of a majority that it is premature to consider the question of compensation till the question of Prohibition is brought properly before Parliament.

MR. CHARLTON

gave the House his annual sermon on the due observance of the Lord's Day. Mr. Charlton replied in a very fine speech. Sir John showed that if Mr. Charlton's suggestions were carried out they would seriously interfere with Provincial rights. On the 26th and 27th being called for, only three of the Grit party stood up. Mr. Charlton, it is said, feels very much hurt at his party for going back on him so. They effectually sat upon him, and now he looks more unhappy than ever. He is the member who so grossly insulted the French Canadians at a public meeting not long since, by referring to them as the "lick spittles of Quebec." In his present crusade it is at them he is evidently driving. They will survive it.

A NEW POST OFFICE.

A new post office is to be opened at Lakeville, Lot 47. Mr. McDonald, acting upon the petition forwarded, secured for the people of that locality the postal accommodation asked for, and the office will, doubtless, now be opened without any avoidable delay. The member for King's County has also been interesting himself in this.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT.

There should certainly be but one way of selling and buying potatoes and other roots, and that way should be by weight and not by measurement, much less by both, as at present. Mr. McDonald, it will be seen from this, is endeavoring to serve the interests of the farmers. As farmers, no matter what may be said to the contrary, are the real bone and sinew of our country, it is but right that their interests should be among the first to be considered by our representatives in Parliament.

THE SESSION

is passing along quietly so far, only a few breezes having occurred to break the monotony. Before it is over, however, many a long speech will have to be endured.

Lecture at Elmira

THE Rev. D. J. G. McDonald lectured at Elmira Hall on Wednesday, 25th February, under the auspices of the "Elmira Literary Institute;" subject—"Marshall McMahon." The Rev. gentleman commenced his discourse by giving a short account of the Marshall's ancestors from the time they left Ireland to settle in France, down to the time of the birth of the subject of the lecture. He described the military training he received in the military school of St. Cyr, also his putting the theory he learned there into practice. He gave a minute account of the different campaigns in which McMahon served, and the rapidity with which he was promoted. His career as a statesman was also dwelt on by the Rev. lecturer. The lecture occupied about an hour and a quarter, and was listened to throughout with great attention. On its conclusion, the Rev. gentleman was highly complimented by several gentlemen present, and given a hearty vote of thanks, to which his Reverence made a suitable reply, after which the meeting was brought to a close.

A MEMBER.

City Hospital.

Captain Newton Muttart's feet were operated upon to-day, the toes of both being amputated. Messrs. Glidden, Howatt and Muttart continue as well as can be expected under the circumstances.

HATS, latest styles, selling at a discount of 70 per cent., at L. E. FROESE'S, for five days only. feb28

The Merchant's Bank of P. E. Island

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING—DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of this Bank was held to-day. There was a full attendance. The following report was read by the President:—

GENTLEMEN,—In submitting to you the fourth annual statement of this Bank, your Directors beg to report as follows:—

In pursuance of the resolution passed by you unanimously at the last annual meeting, stating that "it was advisable that the Shareholders should pay as a donation to the Bank a sum equal to forty per cent. on the amount of stock held by them, with a view of making such stock equal to par," your Directors took steps at once to carry out these views, and have now to report that, after much arduous work, they succeeded in obtaining from the Shareholders the sum of \$51,000 19, and that this sum was found to be sufficient to provide for the balance of the bad and doubtful debts carried forward from former years. In May last, Mr. F. Mitchell undertook the position of Cashier, to which he had been unanimously appointed, and has since performed his duties to the entire satisfaction of your Board.

Your Directors deemed it advisable, early in the year, to open a Branch of the Bank at Souris, and are pleased to report that the working of the same has been satisfactory. In view of the fact that the Bank could not at all times profitably employ its funds, it was deemed desirable to reduce the rate of interest allowed on special deposits to Three Per Cent. from January 1st, 1885.

Your Directors have carefully examined the assets of the bank from time to time (as required by law) and, the same have been found correct and in order.

You will be asked to amend bye-law No. 10, which treats of the hours during which the bank is open to the public. The change is considered necessary as all the other banks doing business in this place have adopted the hours that appear in the amended bye-law.

The business of the year has been, on the whole, satisfactory. For the first six months the transactions were necessarily limited owing to the unsettled state of the payments by shareholders, but, as soon as your Directors felt assured that these payments would be completed, they were able to increase the operations of the bank to a marked extent.

As will be seen by the statement before you, the net profits for the year have been \$9,608.11. This amount would have been considerably greater had the account being made up in the same manner as in preceding years. This year it was thought right to make allowance for unearned interest on Current Bills Discounted, which amount has been deducted from the profits. You will also notice a charge in profit and loss account of \$1,376.58, paid for legal expenses incurred from 1878 to 1883.

In retiring from the trust confided to them, your Directors would say, that, with all the old bad debts written off or provided for, with a balance to credit of profit and loss account of \$4,130.54, with no losses to report on the transactions of the year, and with a large and increasing business connection, the future of the bank as a dividend paying institution, should, under continued careful management, be assured.

STATEMENT.

Liabilities.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Notes in circulation, Deposits bearing interest, Deposits not bearing interest, Due to other banks, Unclaimed dividends, Liabilities to public, Capital stock, Suspense account, Profit and loss account balance.

Assets.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Specie and Dominion Notes, Notes of and cheques on other Banks, In hands of other Banks, Immediately available, Bills Discounted current, Past due bills, Mortgages and judgments, Doubtful debts, Suspense account, Bank Furniture account.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Profit and Loss Account, To amount Bad Debts written off, transferred Suspense Account, Dividend 3 p. c. December 5th, Paid for Legal expenses incurred in former years, Balance carried to New Account.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes By Balance March 6th, 1884, By Payments by Shareholders, under agreement April 10th, 1884, By sundry amounts recovered, By Net Profits for year, after deducting interest on current Bills Discounted.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate.

FOR AGONIZING. Dr. C. S. Ellis, Wash., Ind., says: I prescribed it for a man who had used intoxicants to excess for fifteen years, but during the last two years has entirely abstained. He thinks the Acid Phosphate is of much benefit to him.

NOTICE.

AT the General Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Merchants' Bank of P. E. Island, held this day, the following were elected Directors for the ensuing year:—L. L. Beer, Owen Connolly, Louis H. Davies, Benjamin Heartz, William McLean, W. W. Sullivan and Wm. A. Weeks.

F. MITCHELL, Cashier. Ch'town, March 5, 1885.—pat li.

MORE CHEAP GOODS!

PEOPLE Looking for Bargains ought to go first to Weeks & Co's Cheap Store, where goods are sold all the year round at ab at the same rates as many shops call their "selling off" prices.

During March a number of excellent Bargains will be offered to all cash customers alike:—7000 yds. Bed Tickings at 5 to 7cts per yard under usual prices; 200 white fringed Counterpanes only \$1.10, worth \$1.75; 2000 yds. Roller Towellings at 5c, 6c, and 7c; 1500 yds T-table Linen, beginning at 15c. very cheap; 4000 yds. Cotton Flannels, 4c. to 6c. under prices; All Grass Cloths and Prints, Cretonnes, &c., at reduced prices; about 9000 yds. choice Cotton Shirtings from 7c. per yard; black and colored Cashmeres and other Dress Goods at a bargain, about 5000 yards to go cheap, ask to see them; also, special lines in Ladies' Corsets, at low prices. Now is the time to buy Cottons, as they are going up in price. We have about 75,000 yards bleached and grey Cottons and Sheetings to offer at the lowest prices ever seen.

Call and see the goods, even if you don't want to buy.

W. A. WEEKS & CO.

Ch'town, March 5, 1885

More Room Wanted.

GOODS MUST BE CLEARED!

FELT HATS! FELT HATS!

ENGLISH, AMERICAN AND CANADIAN. 20, 25 AND 50 PER CENT. DISCOUNT.

Until the arrival of his new stock, J. B. Macdonald will offer the balance of his stock of Hats at a great sacrifice.

Do not buy until you examine Goods and Prices at

J. B. MACDONALD'S,

Queen Street. Ch'town, March 3, 1885—dly wkly

FEBRUARY 18TH, 1885

DECIDED TO

MAKE A CHANGE IN OUR BUSINESS!

WILL SELL AT COST FOR 40 DAYS.

Will Sell Balance of Stock on hand on April 1, by Auction, of which due Notice will be Given!

Payment of all Accounts furnished 31st December is Requested.

C. ROBERTSON.

Ch'town, Feb. 18th, 1885

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE.

BOOTS AND SHOES

AT

J. C. SPRAGUE & CO'S.

Look out for our Mammoth Circular, giving Full Particulars.

Ch'town, Feb. 29, 1885—4i eod wkly 2i

ANNOUNCEMENT

I HAVE purchased that very complete Book and Job Printing and Book Binding establishment lately owned by

BRENNER BROS.,

44 Queen Street, Charlottetown,

and have put the business into thorough working order, under efficient management, in the building it has occupied for so many years.

Printing or Book-Binding

will receive prompt attention.

The Foreman of the Mechanical Department was with the old firm upwards of fourteen years, so our customers may be assured of first-class work.

Quotations for all kinds of Printing or Binding will be figured as close as the quality of the work will justify.

W. A. BRENNAN,

44 Queen Street, Ch'town. A. W. D. KNAPP, Manager Ch'town Branch.

March 5th, 1885—cod wkly 4w

Grand Military Concert

LITERARY ENTERTAINMENT,

under the distinguished patronage of

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Macdonald.

A VOCAL and Instrumental Concert and Literary Entertainment will be given in the

Market Hall, Charlottetown.

Wednesday Ev'g, the 11th inst.

As a number of the best vocalists and others in the city have kindly consented to take part, a pleasant evening's enjoyment may be expected.

Officers and members of the militia force are requested to attend in uniform.

The programme will appear in due time. Tickets 50 cents; Reserved seats, 35 cents, for sale at the city drug stores and at the Hall door.

As the proceeds of this concert are for the benefit of the Band of the 82nd Battalion, it is to be hoped our citizens and militiamen will give a crowded house on the occasion.

HENRY BERR, Chairman of Committee.

N. J. CAMPBELL, Captain, Secretary of Committee.

Ch'town, March 5, 1885.

PUBLIC MEETING!

A MEETING of the Citizens will be held in the Market Hall, on Friday evening next, the 6th inst., at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of considering provisions of a Bill respecting City matters, to be submitted to the Legislature at its approaching session.

HENRY BERR, Mayor.

Ch'town, March 4, 1885—tl date

WANTED, LOST, FOUND, &c.

WANTED—By a young man, a situation in a store or office; is a good penman and has a good English education; references if required. Apply at this office. m4 4p

STRAYED—I have in the City Pond a large, red horse, for which I have been unable to find an owner. If not claimed before the 16th day of March, instead, I will sell the same by Public Auction, on the Market Square, in this city, on this date, to pay expenses. THOMAS BERNAS, Pound Keeper, Charlottetown, March 3, 1885—m4

TO LET—A new house, fronting on Powell Street. Enquire of Thos. W. Dodd. mar3 pat

WANTED—A servant Girl for general work in a small family. Apply at this office. mar3

LOST—On Saturday (28th) a Pocket Book, containing a sum of money. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at this office. mar2

FOUND—In December last, at Georgetown, a silver hunting case Watch. The owner can have the same by proving property and paying for this advertisement. Enquire at the EXAMINER office. mar2 3i wkly 1p

WANTED—A strong, active Boy, rooming to farm work. Apply to EXAMINER office. feb 28

BOX JAUVENTING SLEIGH and platform (reversible seat) for sale. Apply to Geo. Brenner. feb 27 if

MONEY WANTED—Provided interest low good security. Apply at this office. feb 27 if

WANTED—An experienced Salesman (liberal salary) at Dorsey Goff & Co. feb 25

FOR SALE—A Wanzler "C" Sewing Machine, nearly new, in first rate order; cost \$45, will be sold at a bargain. Enquire at this office. feb 19 1p

SEVERAL DESIRABLE BUILDING LOTS FOR SALE, on Upper Hill, South Street, as follows: Two adjoining the residence of Mr. Wellar, four below that of Mr. Leitch, and one on the corner, adjoining Mr. Knight's, on Huxton Street. For terms apply to James Desbriay. feb 17 2wks 2w pat